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WILLIE, YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR GEOGRAPHY LESSON

ing, tree clad plain in the foreground.

"I have no doubt of it at all," said I.

"Yes," I said, peering through it, "a

arge bird stands on the trea. It ap-

ears to have a considerable beak. I

"I cannot congratulate you upon your eyesight," said the professor. "It is not a pelican, nor, indeed, is it a

bird. It may interest you to know

that I succeeded in ahooting that par-ticular specimen. It was the only ab-solute proof of my experiences which I was able to bring away with me."

"A monstrous bat!" I suggested.
"Nothing of the sort," said the pro-fessor severely. "Living, as I do, in an educated and scientific atmosphere,

I could not have conceived that the first principles of zoology were so little known. Is it possible that you do not know the elementary fact in

membrane hanging upon a single bone and therefore that it cannot belong to a bat. But, if it is neither bird nor

"I really do not know," said I.

My small stock of knowledge was

He opened the standard work to which he had already referred me. "Here," said he, pointing to the pic-ture of an extraordinary flying mon-

pare it with the specimen in your

A wave of amazement passed over

me as I looked: I was convinced.

There could be no getting away from

it. The cumulative proof was over-whelming. The sketch, the photo-

graphs, the narrative and now the ac-

plete. I said so I said so warmly,

for I felt that the professor was an ill used man. He leaned back in his

chair with drooping eyelids and a tol-erant smile, basking in this sudden

gleam of sunshine. He purred with

"And then, sir, what did you do

"It was the wet season, Mr. Malone

and my stores were exhausted. I ex-

plored some portion of this huge cliff,

out I was unable to find any way to

scale it. The pyramidal rock upon

which I saw and shot the pterodactyl

was more accessible. Being something

of a cragsman, I did manage to get

height I had a better idea of the plateau

toon the top of the crags. It appeared

to be very large. Neither to east nor to west could I see any end to the vis-

ta of green capped cliffs. Below it is a

swampy, jungly region, full of snakes,

insects and fever. It is a natural pro-

"Did you see any other trace of life?"

"No, sir, I did not, but during the

week that we lay encamped at the

base of the cliff we heard some yery

"But the creature that the American

"We can only suppose that he must

drew-how do you account for that?"

have made his way to the summit and

seen it there. We know, therefore,

that there is a way up. We know

equally that it must be a very diffi-

cult one; otherwise the creatures

would have come down and overrun

the surrounding country. Surely that

"But how did they come to be there?"

"I do not think that the problem is a

very obscure one." said the professor.

There can only be one explanation.

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neard, a granite continent. At this

single point in the interior there has

een, in some far distant age, a great

sudden volcanic upheaval. These cliffs.

I may remark, are basaltic and there-

fore plutonic. An tirea as large per-

tection to this singular country."

strange noises from above."

bat, what is it?"

next?"

low's camp. Now look at this."

nainted nicture." said I.

"An enormous tree."

"A large bird," said I.

hould say it was a pelican."

"But on the tree?"

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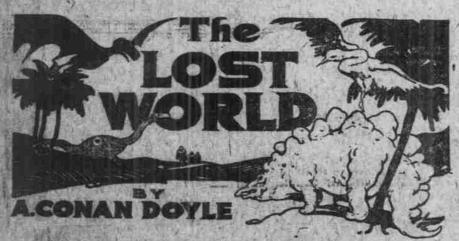
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The human collar bone is curved. This is straight. There is a groove upon its surface, showing that a great



don played across it, which could not be the case with a ciavicle."
"Then I must confess that I don't

"You need not be ashamed to expose the your ignorance, for I don't suppose the whole South Kensington staff could give a name to it." He took a little bone the size of a bean out of a pill box. "So far as I am a judge this human hone is the analogue of the one certainly not the forearm, and you can see for yourself that this is a single ch you hold in your hand. That see for yourself that this is a single, will give you some idea of the size of the creature. You will observe from the cartilage that this is no fossil specen, but recent. What do you say to

Surely in an elephant"-

He winced as if in pain. "Don't! Don't talk of elephants in South America. Even in these days of board schools"—

"Well," I interrupted, "any large Bouth American animal—a tapir, for

You may take it, young man, that am versed in the elements of my iness. This is not a conceivable ne either of a tapir or of any other creature known to zoology. It belongs to a very large, a very strong and, by an analogy, a very flerce animal which exists upon the face of the earth, but has not yet come under the notice of science. You are still unconvinced?"

"I am at East deeply interested." "Then your case is not hopeless. I feel that there is reason lurking in you newhere, so we will patiently grope

can and proceed with my narrative. You can imagine that I could hardly rome away from the Amazon without probing deeper into the matter. There were indications as to the direction from which the dead traveler had Indian legends would alone have been my guide, for I found that mon among all the riverine tribes. It was my business to find our more."

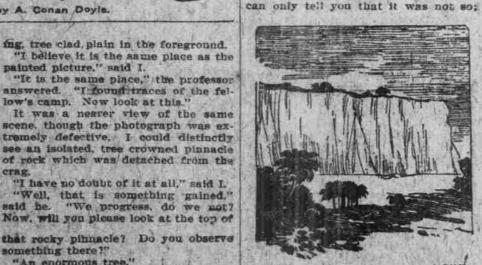
What did you do?" My dippancy was all gone. This massive man-com- halfway to the top of that. From that pelled one's attention and respect. tends even to talk upon the subjectand by judicious persuasion and gifts. sided, I will admit, by some threats of coercion, I got two of them to act as guides. After many adventures which I need not describe, and after traveling a distance which I will not ation, i.r a direction which I with hold, we came at last to a tract of country which has never been described nor, indeed, visited save by

my unfortunate predecessor. Would you kindly lookist this?" He handed me a photograph, half

The unsatisfactory appearance of it is due to the fact," said be, "that on descending the river the boat was upset and the case which contained the undeveloped films was broken, with disastrous results. Nearly all of them were totally ruined—an irreparable ess, This is one of the few which

lored. An unkind critic might easily have misinterpreted that dim surface. It was a dull gray landscape, tails of it I realized that it represented a long and enormously high line of cliffs exactly like an immense catameet seen in the distance, with a slopbloc with all its living contents and cut off by perpendicular precipices of a hardness which defies erosion from all the rest of the continent. What is the result? Why, the ordinary laws of nature are suspended. The various checks , which influence the struggle for existence in the world at large are all neutralized or altered. Creatures survive which would otherwise disappear. You will observe that both the pterodactyl and the stegosaurus are jurassic and therefore of a great age in the order of life. They have been artificially conserved by those strange accidental conditions." "But surely your evidence is conclu-

sive. You have only to lay it before the proper authorities.' "So in my simplicity I had imagined," said the professor bitterly. "I



It Represented a Long Line of Cliffs. that I was met at every turn by incredulity, born partly of stupidity, and

partly of jealousy." "My wife has frequently remonstrated with me upon my violence, and yet I fancy that any man of honor would feel the same. Tonight, however, I propose to give an extreme example of the control of the will over the emotions. I invite you to be present at the exhibition." He handed me a card from his desk. "You perceive that Percival Waldron, a naturalist of some popular repute, is announced to lecture at 8:30 at the Zoological Institute hall upon "The Record of the Ages.' I have been specially invited to be present upon the platform and to move a vote of thanks to the lecturer. While dowith infinite tact and delicacy, to throw out a few remarks which may arouse the interest of the audience and cause some of them to desire to go more deeply into the matter. Nothing contentious, you understand, but only an indication that there are greater deeps beyond. I shall hold myself this self restraint I attain a more favorable result."

"And I may come?" I asked eagerly. "By all means come. It will be a fort to me to know that I have one ally in the hall, however inefficient and ignorant of the subject he may be."
"But Mr. McArdle, my news editor, on know, will want to know what I

"Tell him what you like. You can ater, "is an excellent reproduction of the dimorphodon, or pterodactyl, a fly-ing reptile of the jurassic period. On the next page is a diagram of the mechanism of its wing. Kindly comsay, among other things, that if he sends any one else to intrude upon me I shall call upon him with a riding whip. But I leave it to you that nothing of all this appears in print. Very good. Then the Zoological Institute hall at 8:30 tonight." I had a lest imion of red cheeks, blue rippling beard and intolerant eyes as he waved me out of the room.

CHAPTER V.

ARDLE was at his post, as usual, when I got to the Gazette office. "Well," he cried expectantly. "what may it run to? I'm thinking, young man, you have been in the wars. Don't tell me that he assaulted

'We had a little difference at first." "What a man it is! What did you do?"

"Well, he became more reasonable, and we had a chat. But I got nothing out of him-nothing for publication.' "I'm not sure about that. You got n black eye out of him, and that's publication. We can't have this reign of terror, Mr. Malone. We must bring the man to his bearings. I'll have a leaderette on him tomorrow that will raise a blister. Just give me the material and I will engage to brand the fellow forever. Professor Munchausen—how's that for an inset headline? Sir John Mandeville redivivus-Cagli-

ostro-all the impostors and bullies in history. I'll show him up for the fraud he is."

"I wouldn't do that, sir."

"Why not?" "Because he is not a fraud at all." "What!" roared McArdle. "You don't mean to say you really believe this stuff of his about mammoths and mas-

todons and great sea sairpents?" "Well, I don't know about that. I don't think he makes any claims of that kind, But I do believe he has got something new."

"Then, for heaven's sake, man, write "I'm longing to, but all I know he gave me in confidence and on condi-tion that I didn't." I condensed into

a few sentences the professor's parra-"That's how it stands." McArdie looked deeply incredulous. (To Be Continued.)

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